

Applicants : James C. Rush et al
Serial No. : 09/800,006
Confirmation : 5256
Atty. Dkt. : STE01 P-1086
Page : 2

46 of beams 2, as disclosed in greater detail in related Application Serial No. 09/800,005, filed March 6, 2001, entitled SERPENTINE IN-FILL PANEL ARRANGEMENT FOR POST AND BEAM FURNITURE SYSTEMS. Figs. 34 and 35 illustrate a top side in-fill panel bracket 101 that is mounted in the slot 5 of an adjacent post 3 by a T-fastener 100. The illustrated T-fastener includes a T-nut 102 similar to T-nut 76, having beveled side edges 103 and a central threaded aperture 104. T-nut 102 has an outwardly protruding rib 105 shaped for close reception in the neck portion 12 of post slot 5, and the body portion of T-nut 102 is shaped for close reception in the track portion 11 of post slot 5, as shown in Fig. 35. The illustrated T-fastener 100 (Fig. 34) also includes a threaded screw 106 shaped for threaded engagement in T-nut aperture 104, and having a round slotted head 107. As shown in Figs. 34 and 35, top side in-fill panel bracket 101 is attached to post 3 by inserting T-nut 102 into post slot 5, inserting screw 106 through an aperture 108 in the upstanding portion of the bracket 101, and threadedly engaging the free end of screw 106 in T-nut aperture 104. By tightening screw 106, bracket 101 is retained securely in the desired location on post 3, yet can be readily detached.

Kindly amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 15, to read as follows.

Accessories 90 may also include an external utilities manager, as disclosed in related Application Serial No. 09/800,007, filed March 6, 2001, entitled EXTERNAL UTILITIES MANAGER FOR POST AND BEAM FURNITURE SYSTEMS. Fig. 32